

**WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
MONDAY AUGUST 5, 2019**

The Warren County Commissioners were sworn in their first meeting in August 2019 by Michelle Hetrick, Clerk. Present for the meeting were Clay Andrews, Brian Jordan, Adam Hanthorne and Jud Barce, County Attorney. Also, in attendance were Matt Herndon, Jenny Hobaugh, Randy Haddock, John Kuiper, Phil Astell, Suzanna Etchison and Perry Conrad.


1. The meeting was called to order by Brian Jordan, President of the Commissioners.
2. Brian Jordan led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. New Business:
  - a. Approval of Meeting Agenda – Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the agenda with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
  - b. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the July 15, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
  - c. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the July 15, 2019 through August 5, 2019 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
  - d. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the July 19 and August 2, 2019 Payroll Dockets with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
  - e. Highway Department – Matt Herndon, Highway Department Superintendent, explained the chip and seal work is continuing. Milestone will begin work on 1100S this week as part of the Community Crossings Grant. The trucks that were ordered last September are built and should be delivered in approximately a month. Herndon stated Milestone will work on 750 after 1100S. The new ditching machine will possibly be delivered this week. Herndon stated River Road and Mahaffy chip and seal are complete with Briscoe being the next road. Jordan stated an opportunity through KIRPC to have traffic counts done. Jordan suggested River Road as the road is already worn in. Herndon stated Bridge #123 will be started on this week. Highway will try to get the Litzenberger donated house repair work done soon.
  - f. Brian Jordan explained a scheduling conflict for August 19<sup>th</sup> Commissioner meeting and suggested moving to August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting at 4:00 p.m.; Solid Waste meeting at 3:30 p.m.; Council and Commissioner Joint meeting at 5:00 p.m.; Council Budget Hearing at 6:00 p.m. Brian Jordan made a motion to move the regularly scheduled Commissioner Meeting from August 19<sup>th</sup> to August 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
  - g. Jud Barce, County Attorney, discussed the Council and Commissioner Joint Meeting at 5:00 p.m. with NextEra. The abatement information was discussed and will be emailed to the commissioners and council in the next few days.
4. Elected Official/Department Head comments:
  - a. Phil Astell, EMA Director, stated the Code Red has been successful since a change to the website which now includes Warren County. Astell is working to set a meeting with Jordan Creek Windfarm in a month or so to review a safety plan during construction of the wind turbines. Adam Hanthorne stated he will attend the safety meeting. Astell inquired about the Pine Village generator repair funding of approximately \$1,300. Jordan explained they will look at the budget and inform Astell in the near future.
5. Old Business:
  - a. Discussed several items that have been delayed over the last few months Security Ordinance, Griffin street vacation, Gregg street vacation and Property Maintenance Ordinance/complaint form. These will be tabled until a later meeting.
  - b. Pine Village Fire Department Rope Rescue Funding Request – Adam Hanthorne made a motion to move forward with the funding of \$10,559 to be paid from the safety fund with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
  - c. Comcast Fiber Internet Connection. Brian Jordan made a motion to sign the 5-year contract for Comcast direct optic fiber for \$853.35/mo. with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
6. Public Comment:
  - a. Perry Conrad, County Resident, inquired about the confined animal feeding operation, CAFO, ordinance change concerning the setback as well as special exceptions. John Kuiper, Zoning Director, explained that currently the ordinance states setbacks are a mile radius from CAFO to residence. Barce explained the ordinance change would be for the special exception process in regards to CAFO.
  - b. Susie Etchison, County Resident, inquired about the joint meeting with Jordan Creek Windfarm. Etchison stated the wind turbines are to be 3.0 or larger. Jordan stated that the paperwork states 2.8. Etchison inquired about the change to the wind turbines as the County is in a contract. Barce explained they are permitted for a power level which effects the height. Etchison stated NextEra is changing the model of wind turbine and the setbacks are set for a 300 feet turbine and the models are for 500 feet wind turbines. Etchison is alarmed that the Commissioners are allowing this to happen. Additionally, NextEra has filed with the FAA in Benton county but not in Warren County which does not seem right. Hanthorne explained the information from 2016 states the height cannot be changed. Jordan will look into this and get back to Etchison.
  - c. Jansen and Spann, Bridge Inspector presented information concerning the bridge inspection and the contract. This is a 4-year contract. Several repairs and replacements that are being worked on at this time. The process is INDOT will advertise qualifications, engineering firms present proposals to the highway and these will be

~~scored by a group from the county. There will be no fees included on the proposal as this will allow the County to negotiate the contract. Jordan stated a working meeting with the highway in the future to look at this.~~

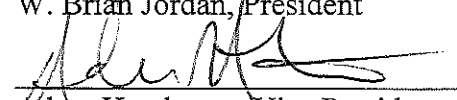
Next Commissioner will be held August 26, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

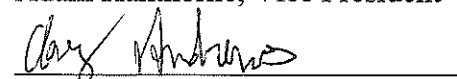
There being no further business Clay Andrews made a motion to adjourn with a second from Brian Jordan, all voted in favor.

ATTEST:

  
Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor

  
W. Brian Jordan, President

  
Adam Hanthorne, Vice President

  
Clay Andrews